

The labyrinth of magic

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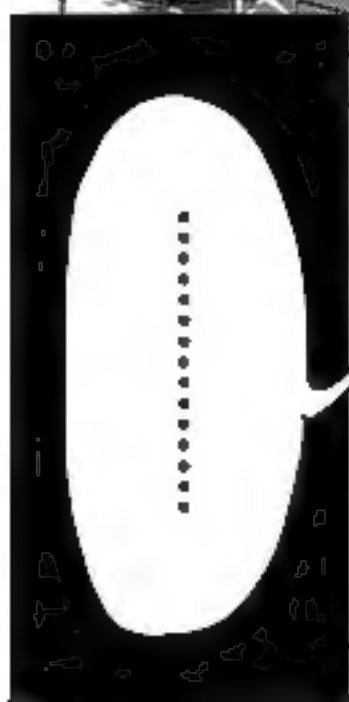
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SINBAD GAZES AT THE WORLD BELOW HIM. BUT WHO IS THE ONE WHISPERING IN HIS EAR?



YOU'RE QUITE TALKATIVE TODAY, SINBAD. UNTIL RECENTLY YOU DIDN'T REPLY TO MY VOICE THAT OFTEN, AND YET THE ONLY THING YOU SEEM TO DO NOW IS TALK AT ME. ARE YOU AFRAID?

A PROSPEROUS CITY FREE OF WAR IS A SCENE ANYONE WOULD BE GLAD TO SEE. BUT LATELY, THE MAGIC TOOLS MADE BY COMPANIES OTHER THAN THE SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY HAVE BEEN INCREASING...





THE WORLD
IS DIVERGING
FROM THE
DESTINY I
FORESAW.

... THAT'S
RIGHT. I'M
AFRAID.



BUT I'M THE
ONLY ONE WHO
HAS THE POWER
AND CONFIDENCE
NECESSARY TO
REALIZE SUCH A
THING! IF MY POWER
IS UNDERMINED...

AS LONG AS
I HOLD THE REINS
OF THIS WORLD,
EVERYTHING WILL
BE FINE. I WON'T
ALLOW WARS
TO HAPPEN.

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I'M
NOT THE
SAME AS
YOU, FIEND.
I WOULD
NEVER
DO SUCH
A THING.



I UNDER-
STAND THAT'S
THE REASON
I CREATED
THE GUNIDS
THAT ROBBED
OTHER SPECIES
OF THEIR
FREE WILL.

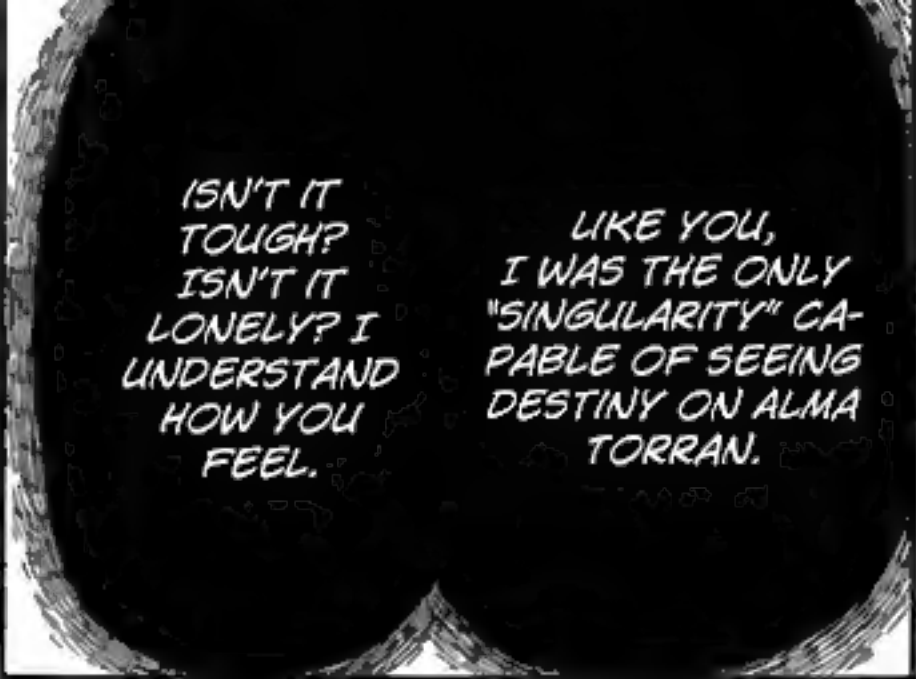


NO, WE ARE
THE SAME...



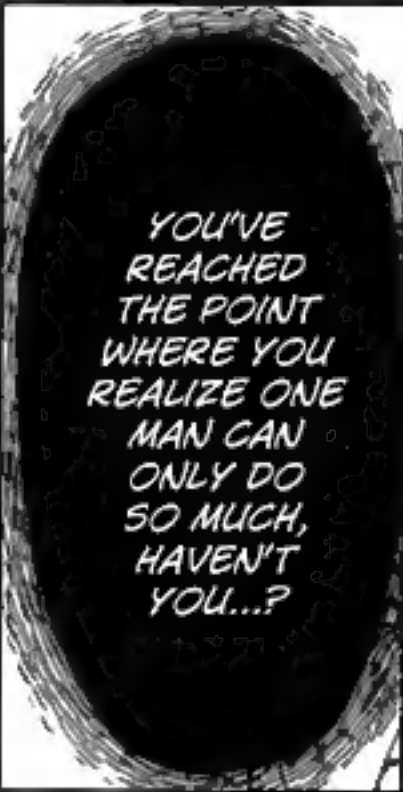
A large, high-contrast black and white close-up of a young man's face, David. He has dark, spiky hair and is looking slightly to the right with a faint, enigmatic smile. His eyes are sharp and focused.

WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING,
DAVID!!!?

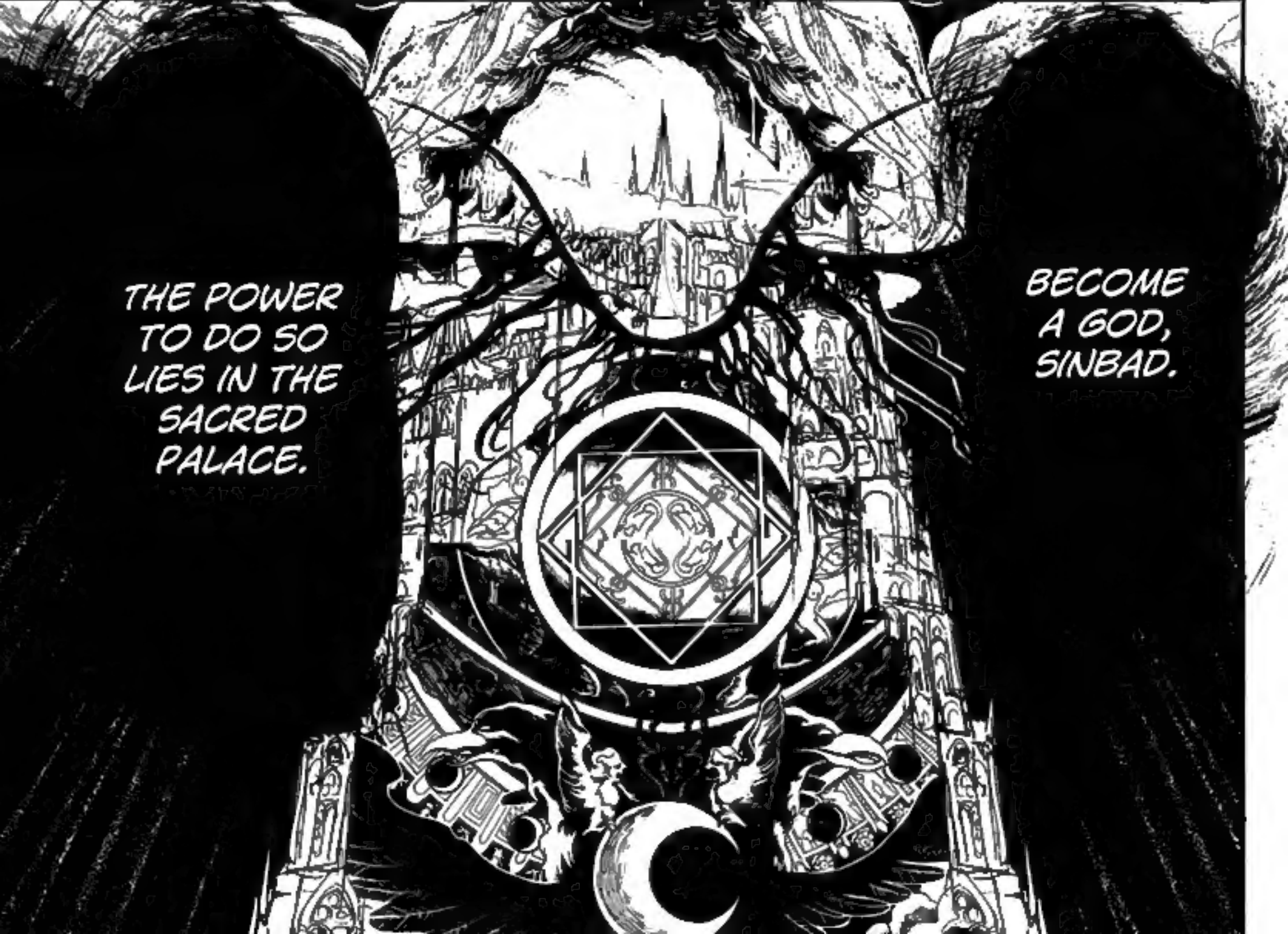
A smaller, circular inset showing a close-up of David's face, mostly in shadow. Only his eyes and part of his nose are visible, looking directly at the viewer.

ISN'T IT
TOUGH?
ISN'T IT
LONELY? I
UNDERSTAND
HOW YOU
FEEL.

LIKE YOU,
I WAS THE ONLY
"SINGULARITY" CA-
PABLE OF SEEING
DESTINY ON ALMA
TORRAN.

A smaller, circular inset showing a close-up of David's face, mostly in shadow. Only his eyes and part of his nose are visible, looking directly at the viewer.

YOU'VE
REACHED
THE POINT
WHERE YOU
REALIZE ONE
MAN CAN
ONLY DO
SO MUCH,
HAVEN'T
YOU...?

A large, detailed black and white illustration of a complex, ancient-looking structure, the Sacred Palace. It features many spires, arches, and intricate carvings. In the center, there is a large circular emblem with a geometric design. The scene is framed by dark, shadowy areas on the left and right.

THE POWER
TO DO SO
LIES IN THE
SACRED
PALACE.

BECOME
A GOD,
SINBAD.



I'LL CONTINUE
MONITORING THE
SITUATION FOR A
LITTLE WHILE LONGER.
I WANT TO BELIEVE
THAT, GIVEN TIME,
EVERYONE WILL
UNDERSTAND MY
MOTIVES.

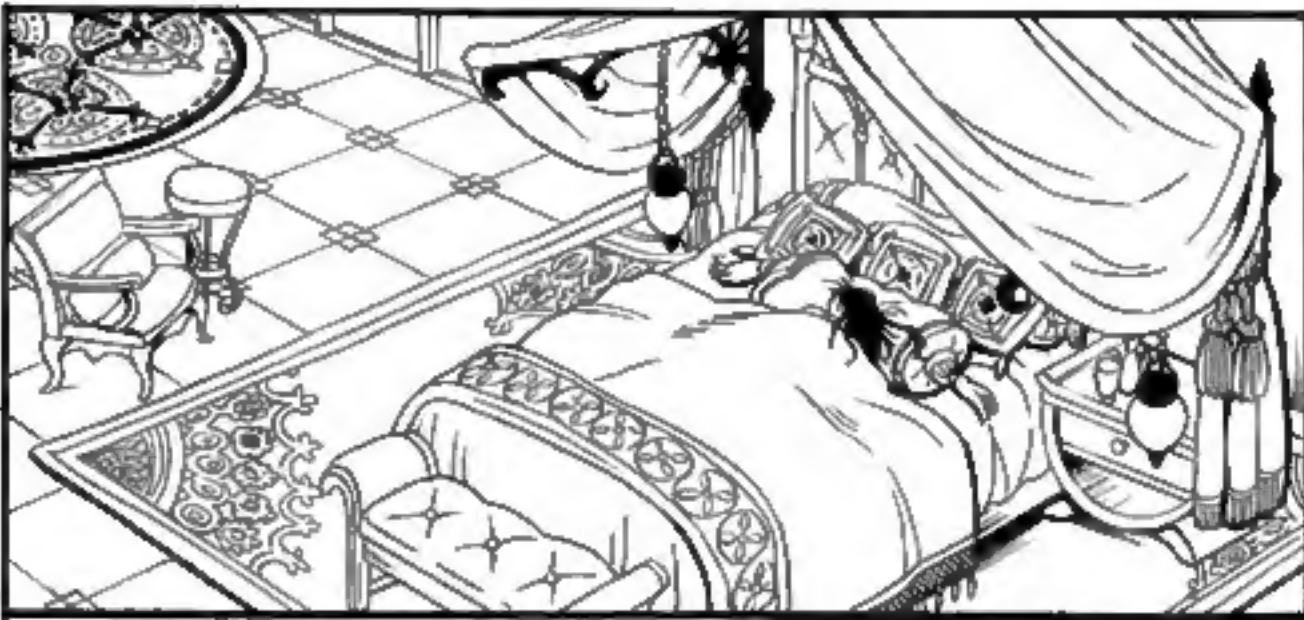
BUT I DON'T
POSSESS
SOLOMON'S
WISDOM. THAT'S
THE KEY TO THE
SACRED PALACE,
ISN'T IT?



YOU'RE
THE ONLY
ONE WHO CAN
SAVE THIS
WORLD,
SINBAD!!

DON'T AVERT
YOUR EYES!!
CAN'T YOU
SEE? THE
DESTRUCTION
OF THE
WORLD!!
DESTINY!!

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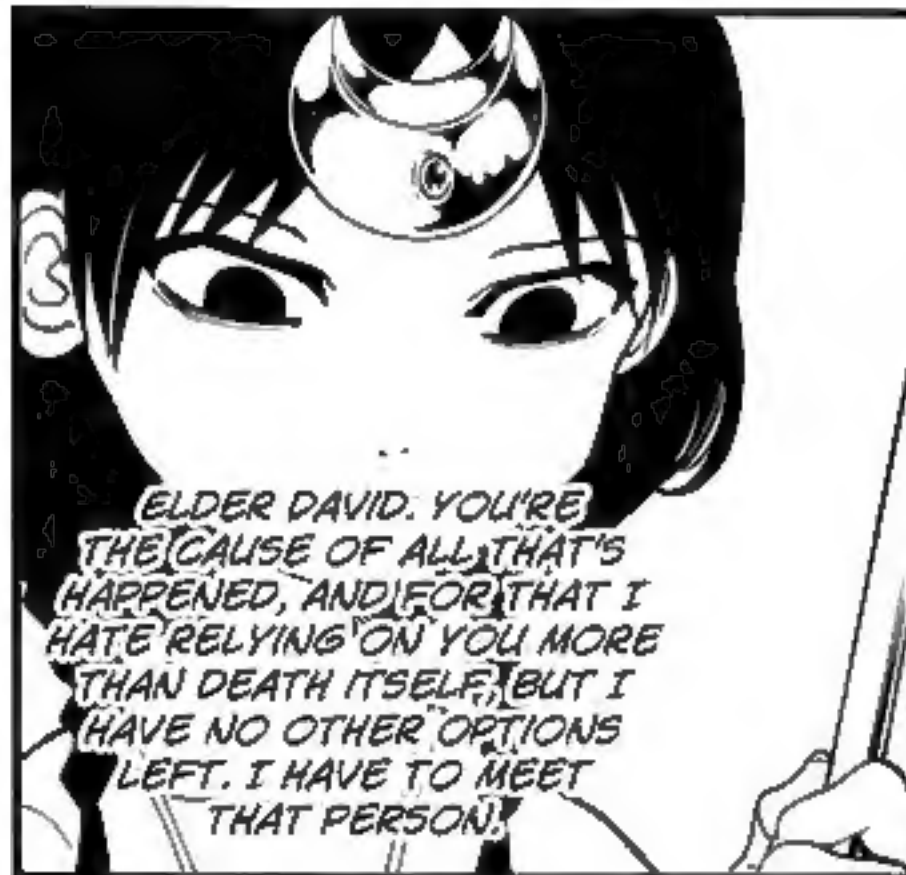


TO HELL
WITH SOLOMON'S
WISDOM. IF
NECESSARY,
THERE'S ANOTHER
KEY TO THE
SACRED PALACE...

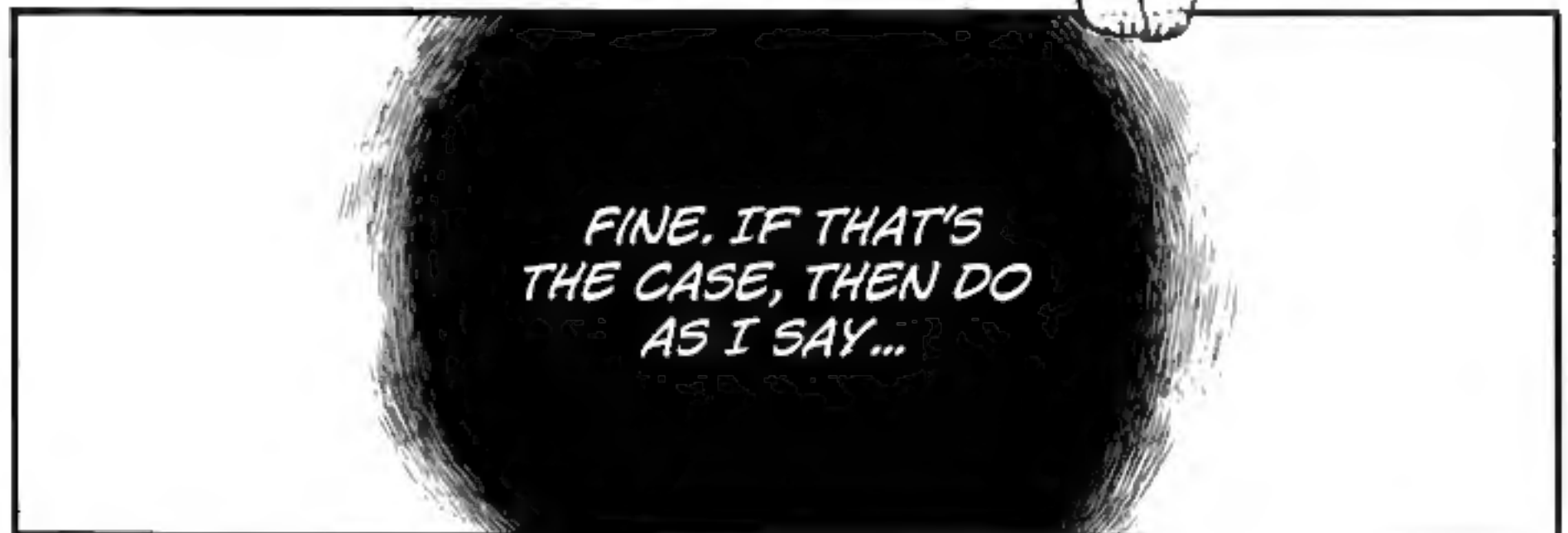




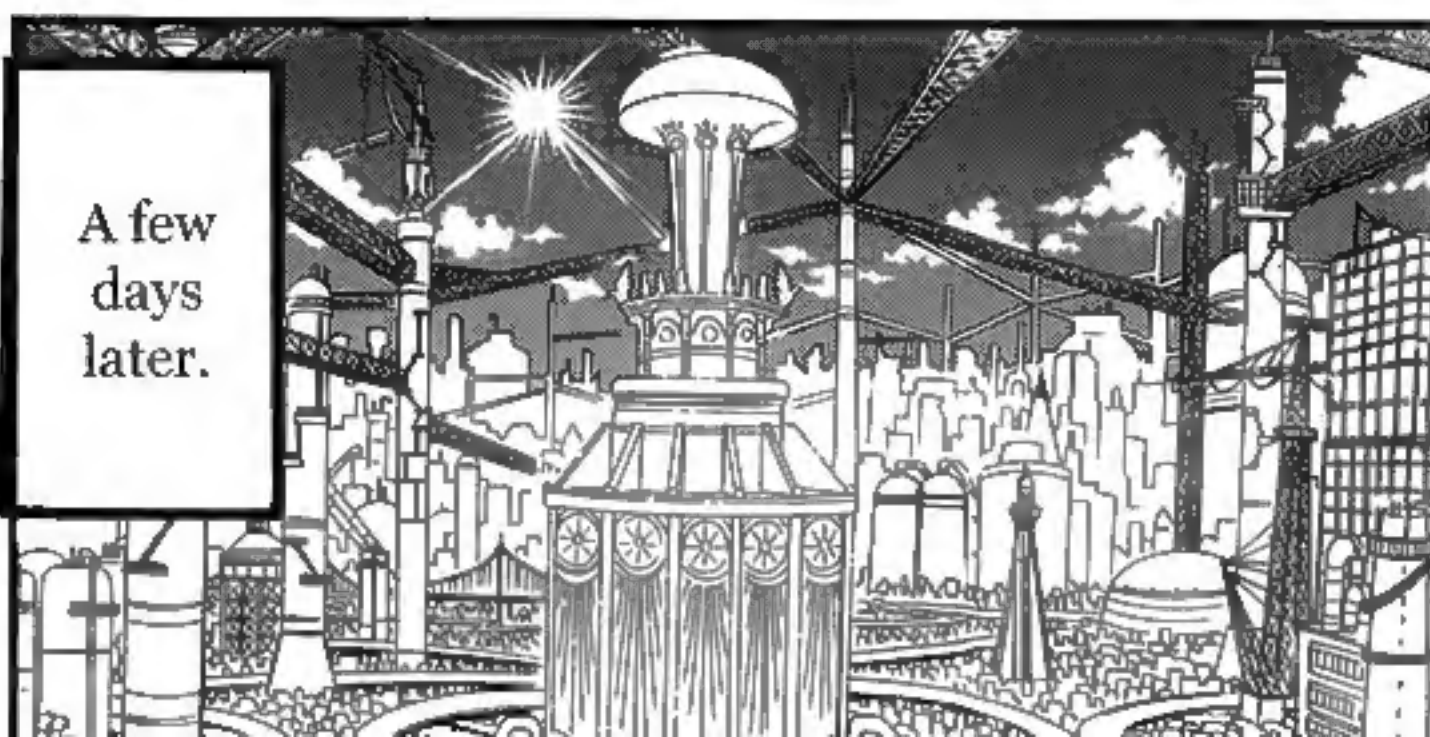
LOOKS LIKE
YOU'VE BEEN
REDUCED TO A
MERE DOLL,
ARBA. WELL,
YOU CAN
COUNT ON
ME. SINBAD
IS SLEEPING
RIGHT NOW.



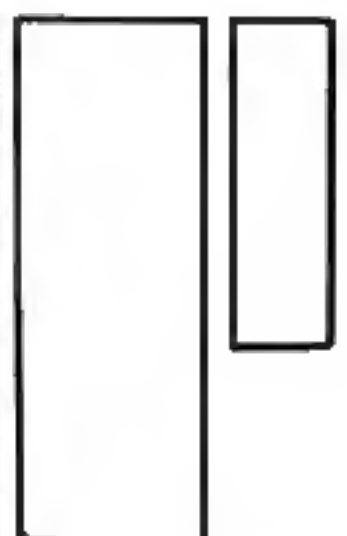
ELDER DAVID. YOU'RE
THE CAUSE OF ALL THAT'S
HAPPENED, AND FOR THAT I
HATE RELYING ON YOU MORE
THAN DEATH ITSELF, BUT I
HAVE NO OTHER OPTIONS
LEFT. I HAVE TO MEET
THAT PERSON.



FINE. IF THAT'S
THE CASE, THEN DO
AS I SAY...



A few
days
later.



ALIBABA! YOU
FOUND ALADDIN
AND MORGIANA!
I'M SO GLAD...
THE CEO WILL BE
PLEASED, TOO!



ALRIGHT!
WE'VE FINALLY
ARRIVED IN
PARTHEVIA!



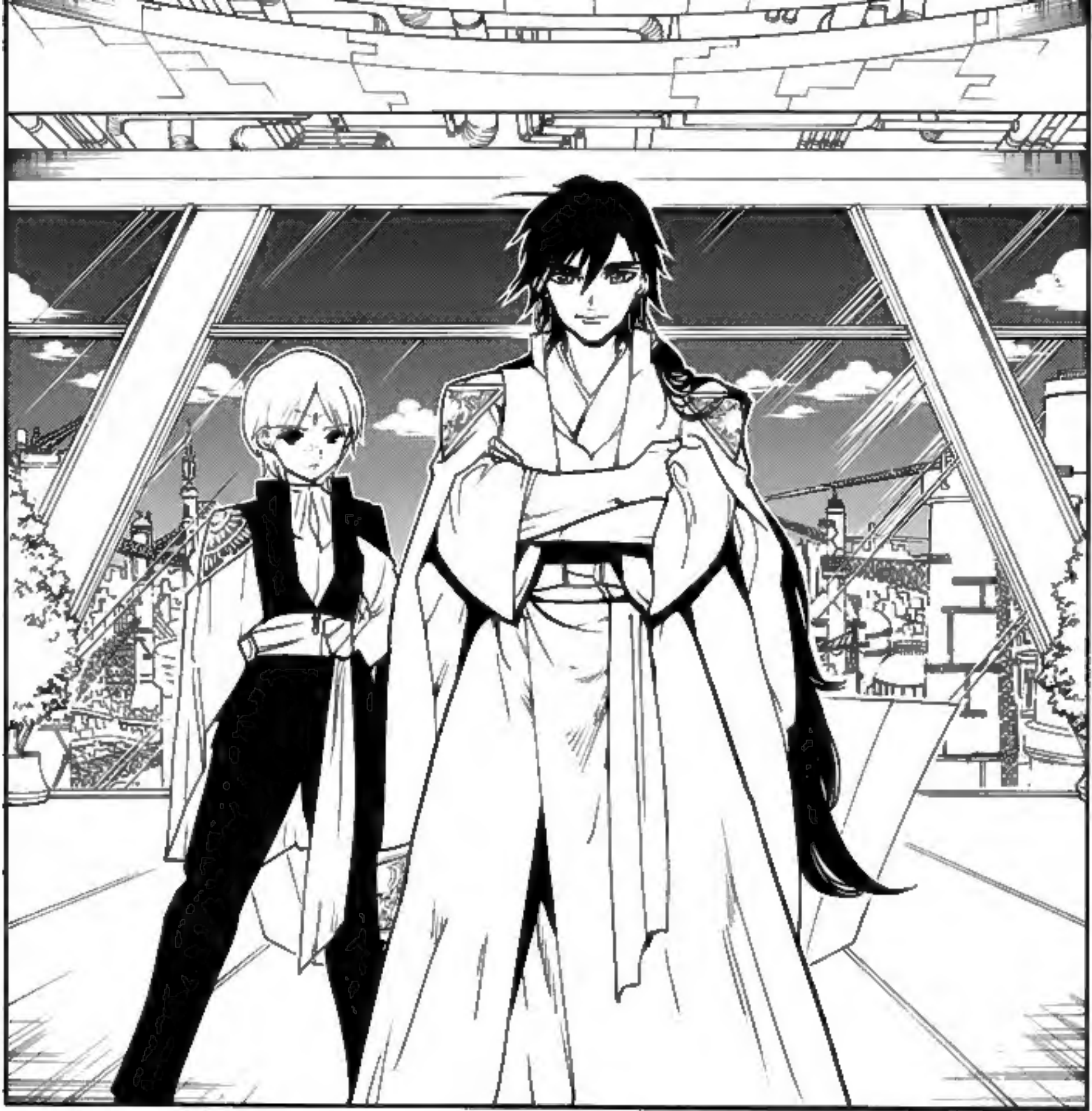
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SHE'S SO
HAPPY. SHE
PROBABLY
DOESN'T KNOW
THE DETAILS
OF ALADDIN'S
DISAPPEAR-
ANCE...



LADY
PIPIRIKA!

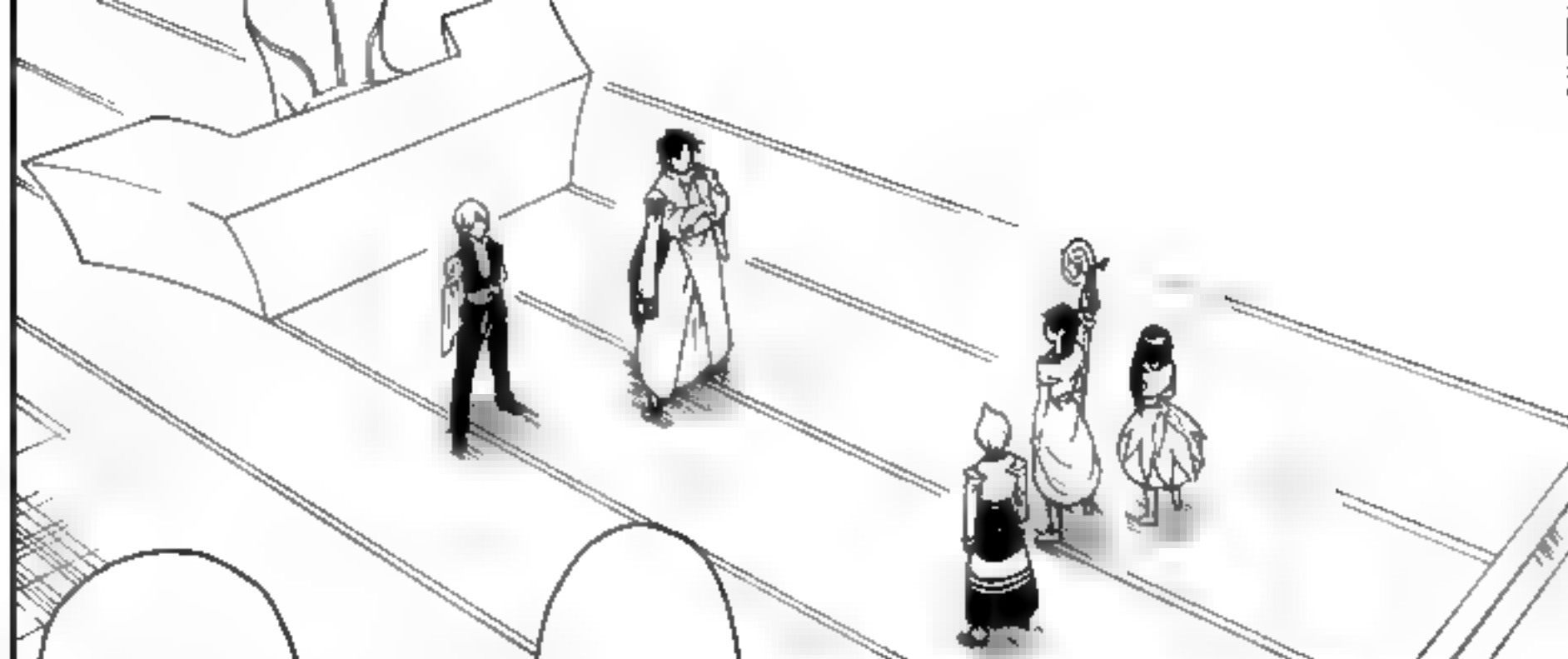




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WELCOME
BACK,
ALADDIN.



WHAT'S
UP, UNCLE
SINBAD?

ALADDIN.

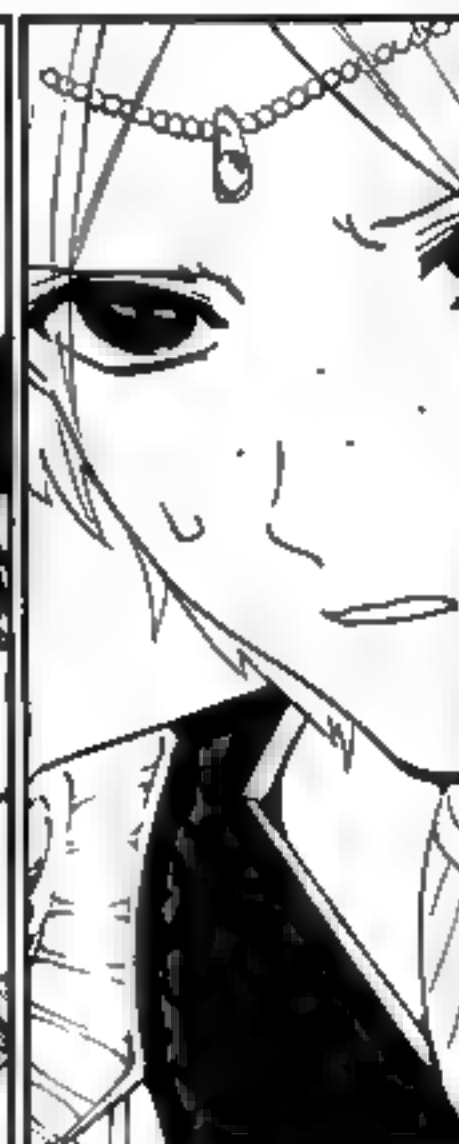


ALADDIN
...

THAT
ALADDIN AND
THE OTHERS
WENT INTO
HIDING IN ORDER
TO ESCAPE
FROM SINBAD
THAT'S WHY HE
LOOKS LIKE
HE HAS MIXED
FEELINGS.



I SEE.
JA'FAR
PROBABLY
ALREADY
KNEW





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IT'S NOT JUST YOU, ALIBABA. THE OTHER TRADING COMPANIES ALSO ENVISION A BRIGHT FUTURE!

USING TYPE ONE TALISMANS, WE CREATED TOOLS THAT EMIT HEAT ON DEMAND. THIS SHOULD REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DEATHS DUE TO HYPOTHERMIA IN THE DESERT AND NORTHERN COUNTRIES.

WE DEVELOPED A MAGIC TOOL THAT EMITS LIGHT AT NIGHT BY USING TYPE THREE TALISMANS.

WELL, YES. I DO HAVE A LIVELY IMAGINATION AND SOME BUSINESS SENSE!



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AND THAT WOULD BE...?

SO WHAT IS THIS FORCE THAT MOVES THE WORLD FORWARD? THIS IS WHAT I'VE BEEN TRYING TO EXPLAIN.

I DON'T THINK THAT A SINGLE FIXED DESTINY HAS EXISTED SINCE THE DAY KING SOLOMON SCATTERED THE RUKH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

IT'S...




HOPES...??



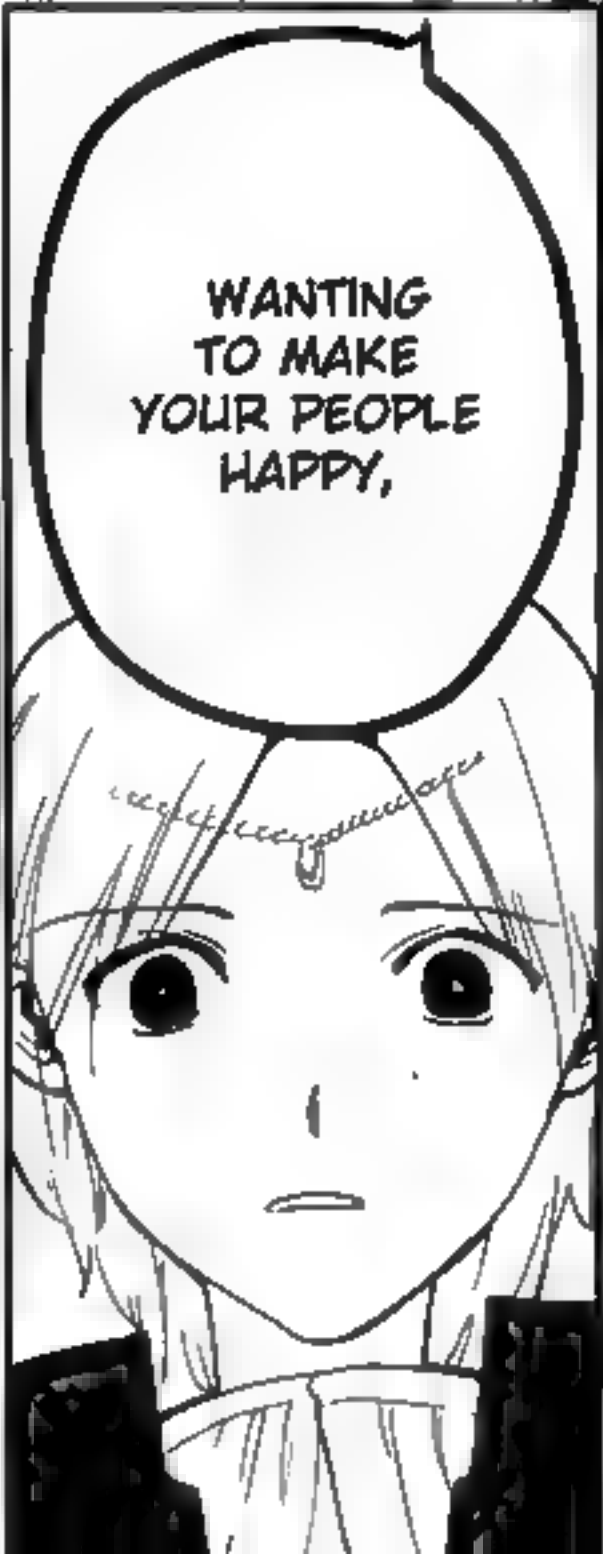
EVERYONE'S
HOPES AND
DREAMS.

WHETHER
IT'S WANTING TO
EAT SOMETHING
DELICIOUS OR TO LIVE
A COMFORTABLE LIFE,
ANYTHING IS FINE!
THINK ABOUT IT...

YES. THE
ABILITY TO THINK
THAT I WANT TO
DO SOMETHING
TODAY AND THEN
SOMETHING
ELSE TOMOR-
ROW.



OR WANTING
TO ERASE WAR
FROM THIS
WORLD...



WANTING
TO MAKE
YOUR PEOPLE
HAPPY,



WANTING
TO MAKE
YOUR FAMILY
HAPPY,



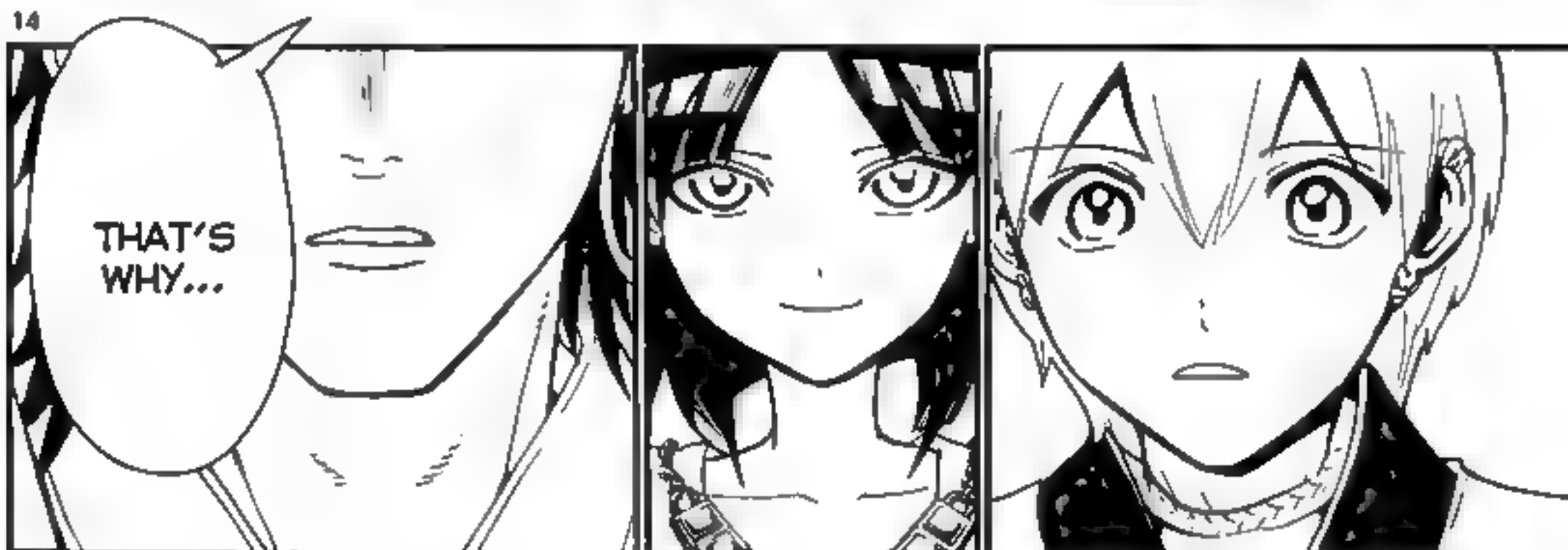
THIS ABILITY
POSSESSED BY ALL
OF US TO IMAGINE
A BRIGHTER FUTURE
TAKES SHAPE, AND
FORMS AN UNSEEN
BODY WHICH
ADVANCES THE
WORLD...



SO TOO ARE
THERE PEOPLE
LIKE YOU, UNCLE
SINBAD, WHO ARE
ABLE TO FIX
THEIR EYES ON A
FAR OFF UTOPIA.
BUT EVERYONE
JUST SEES A
SMALL PIECE OF
THE OVERALL
DESTINY.

THAT IS
THIS WORLD'S
DESTINY... JUST
AS THERE ARE
PEOPLE WHO DREAM
OF BEING ABLE TO
PROVIDE DELICIOUS
BREAD FOR THEIR
FAMILIES TO EAT
TOMORROW,

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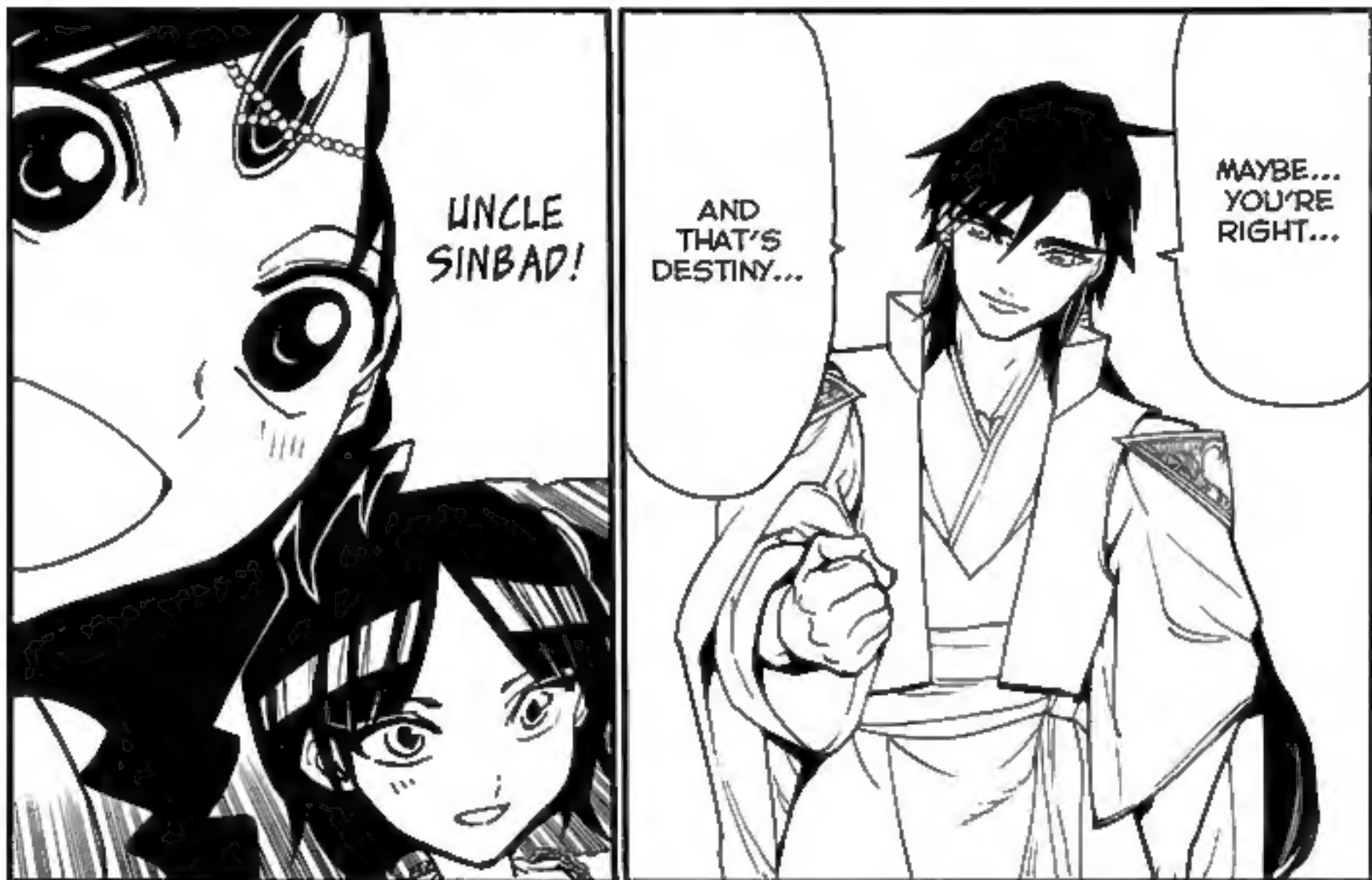


THAT'S
WHY...



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HE DOESN'T
UNDERSTAND
ANYTHING.



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ONLY A MAGI LIKE
ALADDIN COULD BE
THAT NAIVE. IT SEEMS
THAT IN THE END, I'M
THE ONLY ONE WHO
UNDERSTANDS THE
TRUE NATURE OF
THE WORLD.

DESTINY
AS THE
EMBODIMENT
OF PEOPLE'S
HOPES? HE'S
DELUDED.

I WILL
NEVER
LET THAT
HAPPEN.

WHY DON'T
THEY UNDERSTAND
ME? AM I GOING TO
LOSE THEM ONCE
AGAIN? THIS PEACEFUL
LAND? THE LIVES OF
THE PEOPLE I'VE
SWORN TO
PROTECT...



EVEN IF HE ADMITTED DEFEAT, HIS BELIEFS HAVEN'T CHANGED. WHAT WILL SINBAD DECIDE TO DO, WHILE UNABLE TO HEAR DAVID'S WHISPERS?!

